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BEING SUMMARY: SEVERAL DELEGATIONS REACTED FAVORABLY AT NOVEMBER 6 POLADS MEETING TO SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON MILITARY BUDGETS, LARGEY ON GROUNDS THAT IT POSED FEW PROBLEMS FOR WEST AND CAUSED SOVIETS CONSIDERABLE PAIN. FRG REP INDICATED THAT BONN HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT SWEDISH PROPOSAL. IN ABSENCE CONFIDENTIAL

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INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL WAS RECEIVED AFTER MEETING), U.S. REP SUPPORTED FRG POSITION ON PERSONAL BASIS. BELGIAN REP REITERATED PROPOSAL THAT ECONADS AND/OR OTHER NATO SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES GIVE SWEDISH PROPOSAL CLOSE EXAMINATION BUT HE

GAINED LITTLE SUPPORT. ON TACTICS, MOST DELEGATIONS APPEAR  
PREPARED ALLOW SOVIETS KILL PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. OPENING DISCUSSION, NETHERLANDS REP SAID THE HAGUE  
FOUND SWEDISH PROPOSAL "LOGICAL AND COHERENT" AND DESERVING  
OF CLOSE STUDY. IN DUTCH VIEW, ALLIES SHOULD TAKE FAVORABLE  
STANCE TOWARD PROPOSAL IN VIEW OF ITS ORIGIN, I.E. GENERALLY  
WELL-DISPOSED NEUTRAL, PARTICULARLY SINCE SWEDISH PROPOSAL WORKED  
TO ADVANTAGE OF WEST. NETHERLANDS REP ADDED THAT THE HAGUE DID  
NOT EXPECT MUCH TO COME OUT OF SWEDISH PROPOSAL IN ANY EVENT.  
UK REP SAID LONDON GENERALLY AGREED WITH DUTCH VIEW. ON TACTICS,  
HE SAID ALLIES SHOULD LEAVE IT TO NEUTRAL TO SUPPORT SWEDISH  
PROPOSAL, WITH ALLIES TAKING LINE THAT THEY ALREADY FOLLOW  
PROCEDURE PROPOSED BY SWedes AND THAT CONFIDENCE WOULD BE EN-  
HANCED IF OTHER DID SAME. BELGIAN REP SUPPORTED DUTCH AND UK  
POSITIONS, AS DID ITALIAN. NORWEGIAN REP SAID HE WAS WITHOUT  
INSTRUCTIONS BUT ADDED THAT OSLO WAS SYMPATHETIC TO SWEDISH  
PROPOSAL. TURKISH REP SUPPORTED SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON PERSONAL  
BASIS AND CANADIAN REP WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. FRENCH REP  
DID NOT ENTER DISCUSSION.

2. FRG REP SAID BONN FOUND SWEDISH PROPOSAL "THEORETICALLY  
INTERESTING BUT HIGHLY COMPLEX." THERE WAS NO CHANCE WARSAW  
PACT STATES WOULD ACCEPT IT, IN FRG VIEW, AND IT HAD DISADVANTAGE  
OF OPENING NUMBER OF TRICKY QUESTIONS SUCH AS EXACTLY  
WHICH EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER GENERAL RUBRIC  
OF "DEFENSE." THIS ELEMENT OF AMBIGUITY, FRG REP ADDED,  
COULD GIVE SOVIETS BASIS ON WHICH TO ATTACK WESTERN COUNTRIES.  
FRG REP AGREED WITH UK TACTICAL APPROACH. U.S. REP SUPPORTED  
FRG REP ON PERSONAL BASIS REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF SWEDISH PROPOSAL.

3. BELGIAN REP AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT ECONADS AND/OR MILITARY  
BUDGET COMMITTEE GIVE SWEDISH PROPOSAL IN-DEPTH STUDY, BUT  
HE GAINED LITTLE SUPPORT.

4. WE WILL USE REFTEL AT NOVEMBER 13 MEETING. MCAULIFFE

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